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THE ADHESIVE STAMPS OF CEYLON TO THE END OF 1870.

A Paper read before the Philatelic Society, London, on Friday, 8th March, 1889

By W. B. Thornhill.

(Continued.)

Whatever the reason may be, and I do not expect we are very wide of the mark, I think I have exploded the shrinkage of paper theory, and the different matrix theory. It only now remains, *if* I *have* done so, for some one to get official information on the manufacture of these stamps.

I will now, if not taking up your time too much, read hurriedly through the reference list I have made out, and I shall be much obliged for any corrections or additions to it.

CEYLON.

Issue I.

1857-61 (Moens, 1854?) *Eleven values.*

Engraved and printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and Co., London. Coloured impression on crisp yellowish, and spongy soft yellowish wove paper. *Watermarked*, a large six-rayed star. *Imperforate.* Two distinct dies used—A, large head, with earrings; B, small head without earrings. A, 1d., 2d., 5d., 6d., 10d., 1s.; B, 4d., 8d., 9d., 1s. 9d., 2s. Of A, the head and engine-turned oval containing it are the same in each value; but the corners and frames outside the oval differ in most of the values. Of B, all values are the same, except the lettering of value. The average size of stamps A, 26·25 mm. long, 19·25 mm wide; B, 25·75 mm. long, 19·50 wide. The varieties in the frames and lettering of A can be easily seen.

1d., blue, dark to pale.
2d., green, grass to yellow green (found bottle-green, probably chemical).
4d., milky-rose (never seen any other colour).
5d., warm brown.
6d., dark brown. violet-brown, brown, light straw-brown.
8d., deep warm brown.
9d., violet-brown (never seen satisfactory copy in any other shade).
10d., soft vermillion.
1s, pale violet to bluish-violet.

1s. 9d., green, dark to pale (also in bottle-green as 2d,)
2s., milky-blue.

NOTE.—The 1d. and 2d. exist *perces en ligne.* (T. K. T.)* The 1d. and 6d. on paper blued by chemical *action of gum.*

ISSUE II.

1860 (Moens, 1861 ?) *One value.*

Engraved and printed by Messrs. De La Rue and Co., London. Coloured impression on crisp glazed or enamelled wove paper, bluish and white; *no watermark. Imperforate.* This is a new die altogether, making to this date three distinct dies as regards the head. Size 26 mm. long, 19 mm. wide.

½d., on bluish paper, lilac.
½d., on white paper, lilac to *pale lilac-pink.*

NOTE.—This stamp exists *perce en ligne.* (T. K. T.)

ISSUE III.

1861-2. *Ten values.*

Engraved and printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and Co., London. Coloured impression on soft yellowish wove paper, varying in substance. *Watermarked,* large six-rayed star. *Perforated* 15½, 15, 14½, 14, compound. As in the early Queensland, this issue may be separated into two sets—clear.-cut and roughly-cut perforations; otherwise same as Issue I., without the 1s. 9d. value,

1d., blue, shades.
2d., grass-green, shades.
4d., milky-rose (as Issue I.), bright rose (former probably earliest printed).
5d., warm brown.
6d., brown, shades (violet brown not found perforated.)
8d., nut-brown, yellow-brown, shades of each.
9d., lilac-brown, brown, olive-brown, many shades.
10d., vermilion.
1s., light violet, bluish-violet.
2s., dark warm blue.
10d. (1862 ?), vermilion, perforated 12½ and 12½ by 14.

NOTE.—The 10d. exists imperforated vertically. (T. K. T.) I have not found the 5d. roughly perforated, or the 6d., 8d., 9d., 10d. (small perforation), and 2s., clean cut perforation.

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* The initials are references to the collections of the following members of the Society: T. K. Tapling, A. R. Barrett, M. P. Castle, and W. B. Thornbull.

ISSUE IV.

1863 (Evans), 1864, July (Moens). *Six values.*

Printers (?) Usually said to be Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., but I think, from change of colours and paper, probably Messrs. De La Rue, who took the contract for printing the stamps about this time. Coloured impression on crisp thinnish white wove paper. *No watermark. Perforated*, fairly clean-cut 13, except ½d., 12½. Average size, which is more regular in this set than in any other issue; 25·50 mm. long, 19 mm. wide. Dies as in Issues I. and II.

½d., pale lilac.
1d., darkish blue.
5d., carmine-brown.
6d., warm brown.
9d., "
1s., cold violet.
} Very few shades in this issue.

NOTE.—There is a peculiar blurred appearance in the 6d., 9d., as in 1864 issue of Trinidad, which at once shows to what issue they belong. The 1d. exists perforated 12. (A. R. B.)

ISSUE V.

1864-70 *Eleven values*

Printed by Messrs. De La Rue and Co Coloured impression on white wove thick to thin paper. *Watermarked* Crown over C C. *Perforated* 12½; ½d. also 13 × 12½. The stamps of this issue vary so much in length, that I have divided them into two sets—long and short; the former measuring 26 mm. long and *over* by 19.25 mm. wide and *over*; the latter, appreciably under those measurements, averaging 25·50 mm. long, 19·25 mm. wide. Dies as in Issues I. and II.

Long. 26 mm. long, or over, by 19·25 mm. wide, or over.

1864. ½d., lilac, deep violet, mauve shades.
1864. 1d., cold blue, deep warm blue.
1867. 2d., grass-green.
1864. 2d., sea-green, shades.
1866. 2d., emerald-green.
1867–8. 2d., orange-yellow, olive-yellow, shades.
1865. 4d., cold rose.
1865. 5d., carmine-brown.
1867. 5d., yellow-green.
1869. 5d., olive-green, warm olive-green.
1865. 6d., dark cold brown, shades.
1865. 8d., cold red-brown.
1866. 9d., cold brown, shades.
1865. 10d., bright vermilion.
1866. 1s., dark pale violet, shades.
1867. 2s., cold deep blue.

Short. 25-50 mm. long, 19-25 mm. wide.

1864. ½d., pink-lilac.
1864. 1d., blue, dark warm blue.
1867–8. 2d., orange-yellow, ollve yellow.
1865. 4d., warm rose.
1867–9. 5d., full sage-green, yellow-green.
1865. 6d., warm reddish-brown.
1865. 8d., warm carmine-brown.
1866. 9d., warm brown.
1868. 10d., orange vermilion.
1868. 1s., bright violet.
1870. 2s., Prussian blue.

NOTE.—So far, I have not found a 2d. green, of this issue, short, or a 5d., carmine-brown ; and I have measured a large number. I have purposely in these long and short sets called colours cold and warm as I have found, especially in the 4d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 2s., that almost without exception the cold colours are long and the warm short.

Certain values of this issue are supposed to exist without a watermark. Long stamps, as in the C C long set, printed in the cold colours, I have mentioned above and perforated 12½, but none have proved to be so that I have mentioned.

No Watermark (?) Long Stamps; perf. 12½.

(W. B. T.) 1d., blue (?).
(W. B. T.) 2d., sea-green, grass-green, emerald-green (?).
(T. K. T.) 5d., carmine-brown (?).
(W. B. T.) 6d., cold brown (?).
(M. P. C.) 8d., carmine-brown (?).
(T. K. T.) 10d., vermilion (?),

The 4d., Crown and C C, is known imperforated and used, and most of the values are known imperforated and unused ; but these can, I think, only be looked upon as proofs, the used copy I mention probably having passed through the post accidentally.

The 4d., Crown and C C, exists on paper three times as thick as the ordinary paper, being almost like thin cardboard. (T. K. T.)

The 1d., long, found imperforated 12.

Before concluding this paper, I wish to express my thanks to several members of the Society, and also to Messrs. Pemberton, Wilson and Co., Mons. Moens, and Messrs. Stanley, Gibbons and Co., for their kindness in lending me respectively their collections and stock, and to the members present for the patient way they have listened to my paper, which I fear is mostly theory with very little fact, except what they all knew before. I can only say that I shall be most happy to have each theory I have put forward upset if I have been the means of stirring any one up to get at the *real* facts of the matter, so that there may be no more theories possible ; and there certainly ought to be nothing but facts in philately.

We perfectly agree with the author of this paper, and also with the Vice-President, that the variation in length of the Ceylon stamps is not due to shrinkage in the paper. The shrinkage of an inch in a sheet 22½ × 12 inches, is quite out of the question. This difference in the length of the stamps was noticed at a very early date of stamp history, as we find it mentioned in December, 1864 (*Stamp Collectors Magazine*, vol. ii); and the writer there says that for about four months previous to the date of his letter he had found the stamps to be shorter than formerly. He puts the difference as being as much as one-tenth of an inch; but he is probably mistaken in this, for it certainly is never found to be as much as 2½ mm. And here let us make one observation on measuring. Long experience has taught us that it is best not to depend upon compasses. The best mode, we believe, is to make use of a boxwood 20-cent measure, reduced to a knife edge, and marked for half millimetres; or if smaller graduations are required, a nickel measure is preferable. The measure can be laid along the stamp, so as to secure that the measurement is taken exactly parallel with the edge.

In endeavouring to prove a case by circumstantial evidence, it is well to examine into any motives that there could be for the act. Messrs. Perkins, Bacon and Co., at the time they were charged with making the Ceylon series of 1857, had already engraved and printed stamps of the size of 1 × ¾ inch—equivalent to 25·4 × 19·05 mm.—for Tasmania, New Zealand, South Australia, and St. Helena, all of which, with the exception of New Zealand, were printed on paper watermarked with a six-rayed star. The paper was adapted for printing 240 stamps, in twenty rows of twelve. Supposing the rows to be placed at the same distances apart as was allowed for the other stamps, and that the die of the Ceylon measured 26·50 mm., the plate of the latter would be 20 mm. longer. In printing the Ceylon stamps from such a plate on the star-watermarked paper, there would doubtless be inconveniences that did not arise in the case of the other stamps which were all, we believe, of the same size, or very nearly so, and fitted the watermarks.

When, in 1859, they tried the same paper for the St. Lucia stamps, we know what shifts they were put to; and it was only tried for the Natal stamps for one small lot. It was, in fact, made expressly for stamps of 1 × ¾ inch.

Now the dies of the first Tasmania, New Zealand, and South Australia —we can leave out St. Helena, as there was only one die—were constructed on the same principles as those for the English stamps of the 1d. and 2d. One original die alone was made with a blank label, and from this secondary dies for the two values were produced. In the case of the Ceylon stamps, and also in those of Newfoundland, which were almost contemporaneous, a different plan was adopted. An attempt was made to vary the frame as well as the lettering. It does not require a magnifying glass to see where the constant part ended and where the varying part began. The Newfoundland stamps measure, we believe, 26 × 20 mm.; but, as they were printed on plain paper, they offered no inconvenience.

The variation in size must therefore be attributable either to the die or the plates. Any one who has seen the process of transferring the die to the plates invented by the late Mr. Perkins, will agree with us that a variation in length could not take place in the course of the operation; but it is just possible that some slight variation in breadth *might* occur. The real cause must therefore be sought either in the die or in the transferring roller.

Messrs. Perkins, Bacon and Co. constructed one set of dies, and one only for the stamps, and the dies were *never altered*. The shortening must therefore have taken place in the roller impression. How this was effected we are not able to say; but that it was shortened in some way there can be no doubt. The firm possessed great fertility of invention; and, if not shortened by the engraver, it is possible that it may have been done by taking the roller impression hot, and shrinking it. After the lapse of upwards of thirty years it is not easy to find out this, but it was probably done by the engraver, and this is the belief of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon and Co. themselves.

Messrs. Perkins, Bacon and Co. constructed several plates of the various values of the Ceylon stamps, and gave them over to the Crown Agents in 1862. Those on unwatermarked paper and on the Crown C C paper were not prnited by them, but by Messrs. De La Rue and Co, from the *plates* handed over. The *dies* were never given over to Messrs. De La Rue and Co. This latter firm must have found some trouble in printing these large stamps on the Crown C C paper, as this paper came first into use in 1864, and was tried for the One Penny of the Cape of Good Hope, for which it was still worse adapted.

This will account for the stamps printed in 1863 being on unwatermarked paper, which has usually been supposed to have been made by Saunders. Of these, the 1d, 5d., 6d,, 9d., and 1s. are known to exist perforated 13, which distinguishes them from any outsiders of the Crown C C series, which are perforated 12½.

There is only one point more which we will mention. The author of the paper seems to think that Messrs. De La Rue and Co. constructed other plates when they took over the contract. This is not so; the dies were never in their possession. What they printed were printed, as we have said, from the *plates* handed over to them by the agents of the Crown Colonies.—ED.

SOME PHILATELIC TRIFLES.

THERE are a few things pertaining to the stamps of North Borneo and British North Borneo, as it is now called, which it would be well enough for collectors to bear in mind. I will premise by observing that these stamps have a peculiar character, as compared with nearly all other postal issues, on account of the authority by which they are issued. North Borneo is not a British Colony, but its political affairs are managed by a Company which in 1881 obtained a charter from the British parliament, giving it certain rights and powers within territory, the

sovereign authority over which had previously been granted to the incorporators by the Sultan of Brunei and the Sultan of Sulu—adjoining Sultanas. The government of North Borneo is therefore peculiar, in that it is the government of a corporation conducted on business principles. The area of the territory is about 30,000 square miles, and the population, of whom a very large majority are of course natives, is said to be less than 200,000.

In 1883 the Company issued a series of postage stamps, of which the 2, 4 and 8 cents were for postage, and the 50c. and 1 dollar were for postage and revenue. Within a month or two after their appearance, the 2c. stamp was announced by the philatelic chroniclers as having been surcharged with a new value, being in one case that of "eight cents" in two lines horizontally and in another "8 cents" in one line vertically. These were duly accepted and catalogued all round, and when priced the latter was valued the higher. I am not aware that the authenticity of either of these surcharges was questioned until in December, 1887, when the *Philatelic Record* states that "A correspondent whose information we have always relied on, writes us that after making the most careful investigation at Sandakan, he is convinced that the surcharge of '8 cents' on 2 cents brown, chronicled by us in 1883, as also the 8c. blue, are inventions. They certainly never emanated from the post office at Sandakan, nor from any of the branch offices in the territory. We think that they have always been suspects, and it is far better that they should be convicted and banished.

In the next issue the same paper states that "the condemnation of the '8 cents' on 2c. brown, as mentioned in our last, might lead to the inference that our correspondent equally condemns the 2c surcharged "eight cents.' This latter is a genuine surcharge, but we agree with our correspondent as to the one to which he referred." Notwithstanding this adverse testimony the stamp surcharged "8 cents" still holds its place in the latest catalogues and is priced by Durbin & Hanes at $2.00. This need occasion no surprise, however, for most of the leading stamp dealers who issue catalogues, are stolidly indifferent to the clearest demonstrations of the worthlessness of stamps they have listed—especially if they have them in stock.

Late in 1886, or early in 1887, the ½c. and 10c., which just a short time previous, it had been found necessary to issue, appeared with the surcharge "and Revenue," and soon afterward Pemberton, Wilson & Co., of London, publishers of *Philatelic Record*, enclosed me some stamps on approval among which were the two just mentioned. To commend them to my favorable consideration, they were accompanied by the remark "Only in use a few days and likely to become very rare." I did not stop to consider how they were to become so rare since they seemed to be comparatively plenty at the time, nor did I pause to estimate the probable number of collectors who had received the same stamps about the same time with a similar prediction as to their future rarity; but I at once added them to my little collection at a cost of about a dollar apiece. What headway they have since made in the direction of scarcity, may be inferred from the fact that at two recent auction sales, unused copies brought five cents each.

I have never seen the 1886 issue catalogued other than as perforated, but specimens of all the values exist imperforate, and from the prices obtained at auction sales, we must conclude that they are either very common or that collectors take very little interest in British North Borneo stamps of any description.

There are several circumstances which seem to indicate that certain surcharges and errors owe their existence to a desire on the part of the British North Borneo Company to accommodate collectors. In April, 1887, there was issued from the General Post Office at Sandakan, a printed circular signed by the Postmaster General, which was sent to the principal stamp dealers, informing them that certain stamps therein mentioned, could only be had in small quantities at the office of the Company in London. These were evidently such as had not been sent to Borneo nor intended for use there, but which could be sold to better advantage at home, having apparently been prepared with the latter purpose in view.

If the very low prices which these supposed scarce stamps bring are the result of a general distrust among collectors, that the surcharging was not done to meet the requirements of the postal union or the collection of revenue in Borneo, then it is an encouraging sign for philately, and it is to be hoped that philatelists will in every possible way cause it to be understood that those stamps which are made especially for them are the very ones they will have nothing to do with. E. E. K.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Halifax Philatelist":

SIR,—In the last No. of the *Dominion Philatelist*, there appeared an article by 'Acadia," in which he reflects strongly on myself as a member of the C. P. A. His allusions to me are too mean to take any serious notice of, but when he drags my name in as being in conflict with Halifax members and those whom I have always found to be gentlemen, it is time to call a "halt!" Let anyone read my note in the June *Stamp World*, (written two months ago) and then read *Acadia's* remarks, and I think the least I am entitled to after it is an apology. As for being a "kicker," I will give $50 to the C. P. A. Library if "Acadia" can prove, before three members of our Association, where I have ever stated or caused to be printed any reflection other than good, on any officer in the C. P. A. or concerning its work. My rule has always been, as far as the C. P. A. is concerned, if I could not speak good I would not say evil, and the writings of "Canadensis" prove this. When in the wrong I am gentleman enough to acknowledge it; now let us see if "Acadia" will give the C. P. A. his proper name or does he want me to do it, and let the members judge. Mr. Hechler can prove I was in favor of the Sec'y being a Haligonian, and Mr. King was my choice, if any, and Mr. Goodrich can prove if I inspired the note in the *Eastern Philatelist*, and also what I wrote to him about it, disagreeing with his conclusions.

JNO. R. HOOPER.

Ottawa, July 2, '89. C. P. A. No. 1, A. P. S. No. No. 42.

[As this is a matter concerning a number of C. P. A. members, an explanation from "Acadia" is in order.]

CHRONICLE.

Argentine.—There is a new ½c. band, slightly different from the last.

British Guana. — 2c. mauve surcharged Inland Revenue in black, and the figure 2 in red, used for postage.

Bulgaria.—The new 5c. is noted with lion in small oval at top, and figure of value in upright rectangle below. Color green. Perf. 13. The 10s. card is now white, and the 10 × 10s. with inscriptions in rose.

Canada.—The 2c. comes in blue green.

Columbia.—There is a new registry stamp, red on white, "R" at left, "Columbia" at top, "10 centavos" below.

Congo.—Two reply paid cards, 10 × 5, brown on white, and 15 × 10 black on green.

Finland.—Card, 10 × 10 p., pink on pale buff. Map of Finland in upper left corner of reply card.

Fr. Colonies.—The *A. J. P.* says the perforations on the letter cards, now meet at the bottom instead of extending to the sides.

Gaboon.—The *Ph. R.* says the 5c. and 20c. unpaid letter stamps have been surcharged "15" and "25" to do duty for ordinary postage purposes. They bear also "Gabon" at top, and "Timbre" over the scroll.

Gold Coast.—The *I. B. J.* says the 6d. has been surcharged "One Penny," in two lines in black.

Greece.—The 20 and 25l. have been locally printed.

Guadeloupe.—The *A. J. P.* says it is the 40c. which is surcharged 10c. the 20c. is surcharged 15c., and the 30c. is surcharged 25c., and not as noted last month.

Madagascar.—*Le T. P.* notes the 40c. surcharged with "25" in black, and used at Tanatave.

Newfoundland.—The *A. J. P.* illustrates a provisional card, the 1c. being surcharged across the stamp "2 cents," with the heavy lines above, and "2" in the lower corners.

New South Wales.—There is a 1d. official envelope, with stamp of same design as adhesive, but with letters "O. S." in upper angles, violet on white laid paper.

New Zealand.—*Le J. P.* has the official stamp, Crown and "Postage Free" in Greek frame, printed in black on pale blue, perf. 13.

Peru.—The *A. Ph.* publishes a decree providing for the surcharge of the old 1 and 10c. green stamps, the former with a red triangle, and the latter with a red oval, "Union Postal Universal-Plato—Lima." It is further stated "as soon as the stamps ordered in New York arrive, all stamps will be surcharged. As we have now 23 different districts, there will be about 161 different stamps."

Philippine I.—The *Ph. R.* says that the 2½ blue, that had been surcharged "Recargo de Consumes Habilitado," has been re-issued as a postage stamp. No change in value.

Queensland.—The lines on the 1d. card have almost entirely disappeared, and the card is larger than formerly.

Russia.—Stamps of a new design have been issued. The usual arms in an oval are enclosed in a horse shoe and thus in turn in an octagonal frame. 4k. carmine, 10k. blue, 20k. blue and red, 50k. lilac and green, 1 rouble, brown and orange. The 14k. envelope has been met with of ladies note size.

Shanghi.—The *P. J. A.* has advices that the new issue with watermark is on the way from England. There are two new surcharges. The 100 yellow is surcharged "20 cash" in black, in rectangular frame, containing same value in Chinese characters and and a second surcharge in red "100 cash" diagonally across the stamp. On May 6th, 100 cash blue was surcharged in red "20 cash" horizontally and Chinese characters below.

Sweden.—The 10 × 10 ore card is now rose instead of red. New stamp of 5, 10, 20 ore are expected, also letter cards.

Tasmania.—The ½d. orange of current type is issued, also the 1d. has been locally printed in vermilion.

Turkey.—Mr. Glavany writes to the *Ph. R.* that the Turkish stamps are to be printed on watermarked paper, and the post card is to be white.

Zululand.—There are two varieties of the ½d. on Natal, one with period and one without.

LOCAL NOTICE.—Mrs. J. S. Mason has moved from Toronto to Cleveland, her new address is 1139 Case Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

SUSPICIOUS SURCHARGES.

Guatemala.—In our number for October last we described two surcharged stamps, said by a German contemporary to be genuine. When we chronicled them we said, they *might* be all right, but we should not be "surprised to find" that they were all wrong. The latter seems to be the case, as the *Timbre-Poste* states that a correspondent has made enquiries of the Postmaster-General, and finds they are nothing better than *carottes*.

Great Britain.—A correspondent writes: "I have lately had offered to me some British stamps I do not find chronicled in your journal; *e. g.* the 3d. and 1/– of '84, and the current 1/–, with the surcharge 'GOVT. PARCELS,' and the 2/6 surcharged 'I. R. OFFICIAL.'" We have not been so fortunate as our correspondent in having such *rareties* offered to us. Will he kindly inform us where they are to be purchased?—*Ph. Record.*

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—You have, before this reaches you, all received your official ballots, which are to be filled and given to your proxy or returned to the Secretary. I am sorry to say that we have no less than five resignations this month and only four new members proposed. If we are to make the Association a success, we will have to make an effort and get more to join.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS, No. 12.

S. R. Sircom, 7 Burlington Ave., Boston, Mass. Ref. Donald A. King, H. L. Hart.

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RESIGNATIONS.

The following members have resigned :

No. 27. Williston Brown, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
" 174. E. J. Mitchell, Chicago, Ill.
" 120. E. J. Rogerson, Barrie, Ont.
" 107. Chas. A. Townsend.
" 152. Silas D. Reed.

I would again like to impress on members the necessity for their bestirring themselves to get new members, if they wish to make our Association a success.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DONALD A. KING,
Secretary.

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

During the month of May, 1889, 110 sheets, value $1000, were received for circulation, and I have now about 22 books on circuits. In the months of July and August, so many members go away from their homes, holidays, &c., that I will follow my practice last year and not send out any books in these months, will receive all filled sheets as usual. Have had some little trouble with a member who substitutes stamps, full particulars will be found elsewhere.

F. J. GRENNY, *Supt.*,
Brantford, Ontario

MR. JOHN R. HOOPER,

Chairman Exec. Com. C. P. A.:

MY DEAR SIR,—Having read in the June issue of our Official Journal which is just to hand, that W. S. Kinzer, of Wooster, Ohio, has been expelled from our Association for changing stamps on our exchange sheets, and as my name appears as one of the references to his application in List No. 6, November, 1888, I desire to say a few words on this subject.

First of all, my name was used *without authority from me*, and immediately after receipt of the November issue, I wrote to Mr. J. A. Leighton, Sec'y, that if my signature appeared to the application of Kinzer, it was a *forgery*. I was informed by the Secretary that our laws did not require autograph signatures of references to Applications for Membership, but if I had any charges to make against the applicant, to state them and they would be investigated.

Having no charges to prefer against Kinzer, and having stated my objections to the unauthorized use of my name I dropped the matter, trusting to good luck that nothing would occur by which my name might be mentioned in connection with an act unbecoming a gentleman.

However, I am glad to know that the guilty party has been found, being one of the losers myself to the extent of about thirty cents.

I wrote to our Superintendent on the 19th inst., to look out for a "stamp changing fiend" and would have returned the two sheets, upon which stamps had been changed, and which I now discover have passed through Kinzer's hands, had I not had them in my possession for three weeks before I made the discovery.

I hope that this explanation will dispel any blame which may have been unjustly cast upon me for having apparently recommended an unworthy member.

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